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BRAZIL: Security forces are engaged in a major operation to capture terrorist leader Carlos Lamarca.

[REDACTED] men from all the military intelligence services and from several civil police agencies are hunting for Lamarca in a desolate and sparsely populated region in the western part of Bahia State where he is [REDACTED] preparing for rural guerrilla activities. Security forces [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] optimism must be tempered, however, by memories of previous escapes from almost certain capture by the wily renegade army captain.

Lamarca's apparent shift to preparing for rural guerrilla action may reflect the current precarious state of the urban terrorist movement in Brazil. All the urban groups have suffered from the loss of skilled leaders and from internal dissension about how to meet the unrelenting repression by the authorities. [REDACTED]

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